

In re Application of: Sugaru et al.
 Application No. 10/500,428
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to office action in the subject application.

Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

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Other: (a) Nakazato et al., *Nature*, 109: 194-197 (2001); (b) Akamizu et al., *European Journal of Endocrinology*, 150: 447-455 (2004)

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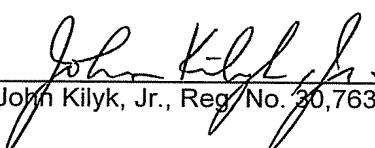
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Respectfully submitted,

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